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SUBJECT: PARTIAL GRANT FOR FILM COLLEGE RECTOR ULRICH.

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1. POST REQUESTS PARTIAL IV GRANT FOR PETER ULRICH, RECTOR OF GDR COLLEGE FOR FILM AND TELEVISION, WHO HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN VIRGINIA AT AIRLIE HOUSE FROM SEPTEMBER 10-18, 1978. INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY GEORGE WALLACH OF BROOKLYN COLLEGE IN NEW YORK, AS PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY FILM ASSOCIATION. THE CONFERENCE ITSELF IS THE 19TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CILECT (A UNESCO ORGAN STANDING FOR CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE LIAISON DES ECOLES DE CINEMA ET DE TELEVISION) WHOSE THEME WILL BE "THE INFLUENCE OF THE WORLD CINEMA HERITAGE ON THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF FILM/TELEVISION DIRECTORS AND COMMUNICATORS."

2. DURING DAY-LONG VISIT TO ULRICH'S FILM COLLEGE (SEE REFAIRGRAM), PAO DISCUSSED CONFERENCE AND POSSIBILITY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTENSION FOR ULRICH BEYOND SEPTEMBER 18. ULRICH, WHO HAS NEVER BEEN TO US, ENTHUSIASTIC AT OFFER AND PROPOSED PAO WRITE LETTER TO MINISTRY OF CULTURE SUGGESTING EXTENSION BEYOND CONFERENCE FOR ONE WEEK, WHICH HAS BEEN DONE. ULRICH MENTIONED FOLLOWING US CONTACTS: IN NEW YORK - PROFESSOR DONALD STAPLES AT NYU FILM DEPARTMENT, AND GEORGE WALLACH MENTIONED ABOVE; IN COLUMBUS, PROFES-

SOR ROBERT WAGNER OF OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,(WHO WAS IN BERLIN IN APRIL WITH ULRICH). IN LOS ANGELES - PROFES- SOR MANOULIS OF AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE.

3. POST RECOMMENDS PROGRAM FOR ULRICH COORDINATED WITH AFOREMENTIONED US CONTACTS IN ACADEMIC FILM COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS VISITS TO FILM CENTERS IN NEW YORK AND HOLLYWOOD, WITH WHICH MANOULIS CAN ASSIST. ULRICH SPEAKS S-4 PLUS ENGLISH, REQUIRES NO ESCORT.

4. ULRICH IS ACTIVE AS FILM DIRECTOR, EDUCATOR, ADMINISTRATOR, ORGANIZER OF LEIPZIG INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, MEMBER OF BOARD WHICH DECIDES ON PURCHASE OF FOREIGN, ESPECIALLY AMERICAN, FILMS, AND HIGH PROFILE FIGURE IN CULTURAL-POLITICAL WORLD OF GDR. ULRICH'S POLITICAL VIEWS ARE PRONOUNCEDLY LIBERAL. FEW IN GDR COULD BETTER QUALIFY FOR "SUCCESSOR GENERATION."

5. POST AWARE OF FAST DEPLETING IV FUNDS FOR FY-78. THREE REMAINING IV PROGRAMS, WHICH GDR HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED AND FOR WHICH CANDIDATES EXPECTED SHORTLY, WILL EXCEED OUR ANNUAL \$10,000 BUDGET. ONCE GRANTS FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR WRITTEN, POST WILL REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COVER IV DEFICIT PLUS ULRICH PARTIAL WHEN REQUIRED AMOUNT COVERING SEVEN DAYS INTERNAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM DETERMINED. ALEXANDER
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